


REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) - Filing Date Granted (copy attached) mailed on July 15, 2009, submitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment that is consistent with the previous claim sets. The Applicants respectfully request that the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 7, 2006 be disregarded. Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3-7, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 17 are amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is added.

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121). Accordingly, examination and allowance of this application in due course are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,


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